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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

21. (Amended) A composition useful for increasing the level of growth hormone in a
human or an animal which comprises an inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound
according to Claim 1.

22. (Amended) A composition useful for increasing the level of growth hormone in a
human or an animal which comprises an inert carrier, an effective amount of a compound
according to Claim 1 and a growth hormone secretagogues selected from KP-102(GHRP-2),